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Hon. Christian F. Hummel
U.S. Magistrate Judge
James T. Foley U.S. Courthouse
445 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Raymond v. NYSDOCCS, et al.
Case No. 9:20-cv-1380-DNH-CFH
Request for Judicial Settlement Conference

Dear Judge Hummel:

We represent Plaintiffs in the above-referenced action. We respectfully request that your honor schedule a judicially supervised settlement conference to be attended by counsel and the parties in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Pretrial Scheduling Order (Dkt. No. 13). Judge Hurd recently granted Plaintiffs' Motion to certify this case as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and encouraged the parties to discuss settlement (Dkt. No. 42). In light of that decision, we believe a settlement conference would be appropriate at this time. We have contacted counsel for Defendants regarding this request but have not yet received a response.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We are available to discuss this matter further at the Court's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ _____
Andrew Stecker
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Robert J. Rock, Counsel for Defendants (via ECF)